

Response to Amendment

The amendment filed on 03/09/10 is sufficient to overcome the prior art reference.

Allowable Subject Matter

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claims 22 and 28 are allowable because the prior art of record fails to disclose or suggest or teach the recited supply of gaseous carbon dioxide and supply of liquid carbon dioxide to the first and second connection lines by varying a position of fist valve associated with the gaseous carbon dioxide and a second valve associated with the liquid carbon dioxide.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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